



September, 2021

## **INSTRUCTIONS: “NO EXCUSE” MAIL-IN and ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION**

***For EVEN MORE information about the Mail-in/Absentee Ballot Application process, see [lwvpgh.org/mail-in](http://lwvpgh.org/mail-in)***

**“No Excuse” Mail-in Ballot:** PA Act 77, signed into law in 2019, allows any registered voter to apply for a Mail-in Ballot. You may simply **request this ballot without a reason.**

- The **Absentee Ballot** is still available for voters who are not able to be present at their polling places on Election Day. The application for an Absentee Ballot is only accepted for voters with approved reasons for absence.

**DEADLINE to APPLY for a Mail-in/Absentee Ballot is OCTOBER 26, 2021: But APPLY NOW** or at least two weeks prior—**DON’T WAIT! Both ONLINE and PAPER Mail-in/Absentee Ballot APPLICATIONS must be RECEIVED** by your County Election Office by **5 pm on October 26, 2021.** Postmarks do not count!

*Only YOU can submit your Mail-in Ballot Application to your County Election Office.*

### **“No Excuse” ONLINE Mail-in Ballot APPLICATION**

1. Go to [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov) **here.**
2. **Scroll down** and click on the box “How do I request my mail ballot?”: **Click on “Apply for a Mail Ballot ONLINE”.**
3. **Answer “NO” to the three questions** and you will be able to proceed with the ONLINE Mail-in Option. Otherwise you will be directed to complete the Absentee Ballot Application.
4. **ONLINE Application ID:** You may use a **PA Driver’s License** or a **PennDOT ID** to apply online, since your signature is already on file. You may also use **the last 4 digits of your SS# with an uploaded signature.**
5. **Carefully follow the directions** to complete your ONLINE Application.
6. You may choose to receive **“Annual” Mail-in Ballots**” by clicking on that option. If you are an “Annual” Mail-in (or Absentee) voter, your County Election Office will send you a **renewal application every year in February and you will be on their “permanent voter list”.** If your application for the **Annual Mail-in/Absentee Ballot** is approved, you will receive a Mail-in or Absentee **ballot** for every election in **that calendar year—primary, general, and special elections.** You may check your status **here**—the question, **“Are you a permanent voter”, will be checked “yes” or “no”.** If you **move, you must update your voter registration address at [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov).**
7. Provide your **Email Address** and you can **TRACK** your Mail-in Ballot through the process **here.** You will receive a confirming email after you **SEND** your ONLINE Application.

## **“No Excuse” PAPER Mail-in Ballot APPLICATION**

1. Go to [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov) [here](#).
2. **Scroll down** and click on “How do I request my mail ballot?”: “Apply for a Mail Ballot **BY MAIL**”.
3. Can’t download and print an Application? Request an Application be **mailed to you**. Make an **online request, or CALL 412-350-4500**.
4. **PAPER Application ID:** You may use a **PA Driver’s License, a PennDOT ID, OR the last 4 digits of your Social Security #**.
5. **Carefully follow the directions** to complete your PAPER Application.
6. **MAIL (Don’t Forget the Stamp) or RETURN** your PAPER Application to:  
Allegheny County Elections Division  
542 Forbes Avenue, Suite 609  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
7. **If you do not live in Allegheny County,** find your County Election Office address and phone [here](#). Scroll down to “Contact Your Election Officials”.

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